Another year has started. We have a lot to look forward to. And with hard work, prayer and team work this year can only be a success!

At MCC we have a dedicated team that has a love for the children as well as the work that they do. We believe that God has a purpose with each of them at MCC. The staff are here to help you and your child, so please feel free to communicate any concerns with us.

Starting Pre-Prep is a ‘big deal’ for every child (and their family).

There are new routines to learn, a uniform to be worn, new friends to meet, new teachers to trust and lots more.

Some children adjust very quickly, whilst others may take quite some time to get there. We understand that each child has their own way and time to adjust and will try to meet their needs the best we can.

I look forward to a great year ahead.

Mrs Cornelia Johnson
Director
Pre-Prep Learning Centre
First Day
The first day for all 3 groups (Wombats, Koalas and Kookaburras) was met with big smiles and some crocodile tears, but soon all were engaged in learning through play. There was a lot to take in: new rules, new routines and new people.

I would like to congratulate you on being so brave and entrusting your little one to us. We will take care of them and nurture them to the best of our abilities, but we understand you will always be their primary care givers.

Drop off & Pick up times
Drop off: 8.20am | Pick up 2.40pm

Although we start our day outside with a play, we do expect the children to be here by 8.30am - play is the best way to learn! It also gives the children time to settle in and find their friends.

Mackay Christian College does provide Before & After School Care. If you would like more information you may find an information pack in Junior School Reception.

We ask that all children be picked up by 3pm. Any pick ups later than this will be charged at $1 a minute.

Helpful Hint
Once you are ready to go (it is a good idea not to stay too long) say goodbye and tell us you are going.

Then GO...don’t linger.

If you hesitate, your child may become confused and loose the courage they had a few seconds before.

Children’s Portfolios
What are they?
The Portfolio is used to gather examples of your child’s achievements throughout the year. This is just a snapshot of what is happening in the classroom. We do lots more during the year.

Who compiles the Portfolios?
This is a team effort from teachers, children and parents.

Where can we look at the Portfolios?
In your child’s classroom.

When can we see the Portfolios?
You can have a look at them every day. And, at the end of Term 4 we will be sending them home for you to keep.

How can we contribute to the Portfolio?
Add stories and/or photographs that your child and family experience together.

Discuss with your child what they would like to see in their portfolio. Review the pages in the portfolio with your child and talk about what they’ve been learning.

Housekeeping
Please ensure that you sign your child in and out every day as well as any absent days.

Remember to take home your child’s sheet bag on the last day they are attending each week and bring them back clean the following week.

In the foyer you will see the notice pockets. Please check daily for any important notes, letters and art work.

Junk - save all your clean junk for us: boxes, bottle tops, etc.

We do allow a cuddle toy/blanket at rest time, but no other toys.

Please put sunscreen on your child before coming to Pre-Prep.

If it is your child’s birthday, please send cupcakes rather than a round or square cake.

Please bring morning tea and lunch in separate containers, without a cooler bag. Write your child’s name on both containers. There is no need to freeze any drinks or yoghurt as the lunch boxes stay in the fridge.

Please label all your child’s belongings.

A Poem
I hope my children will look back today, and see a parent who had time to play. There will be years of cleaning and cooking, but children grow up while we’re not looking. Dusting and scrubbing can wait for tomorrow, for babies grow fast we learn to our sorrow. So quiet down cobwebs and dust go to sleep, I’m rocking my baby and babies don’t keep.

Author: Unknown
Monday 22nd February Worm Farm / Recycling Talk

Wednesday 24th February Wet Play Day (PP1A & PP2A)

Friday 26th February Worm Farm / Recycling Talk

Monday 29th February Dress in Yellow (PP1A & PP2A) Beach Safety Talk

Wednesday 1st March Wet Play Day (PP1A & PP2B)

Tuesday 15th March Book Fair

Tuesday 16th March Dress in Green (PP1A & PP2A)

Wednesday 17th March Wet Play Day (PP1A & PP2B)

Thursday 18th March Dress in Green (PP2B)

Friday 19th March MCC Agriculture Department Visit

Monday 22nd March Wet Play Day (PP1A & PP2A)

Wednesday 24th March Last Day Term 1 (PP2A)

Thursday 25th March Last Day Term 1 (PP1A & PP2B)